Attachment III
International Students Focus Group Series
Comments from US resident students

These comments were offered by Indiana resident or non-resident US citizen students in the 2013 Purdue Student Satisfaction Survey.1 The prompt was “Do you have any comments or suggestions about International Students and Scholars.” The comments appearing here were selected from among 202 statements posted by domestic students. These comments are not representative of all views. They were selected and organized to provide evidence that some students hold opinions that are resentful of or hostile to international students. All comments appear with original spelling.

Intimations that international students get preference or crowd out domestic students

- I’ve heard several stories suggesting that Purdue favors international students in the admissions program and from many countries those who come to Purdue do not come because of merit, but simply because their parents have more money.
- Purdue should hold the international students to the same level if expectation that they hold national students. I see lots of favoritism and allowances made for international students.
- I think it’s unethical that international students get more financial scholarships then students from Indiana and the US.
- In my opinion Purdue pays a lot of money out to international students that should be given to Indiana Residents.
- I have nothing against international students, and I am good friends with some of them, but it would be nice if our school focused more on the students inside our country than outside of the country.
- Just a simple question. Why do international students pay the same tuition fee as I do simply because I live 20 minutes over the state border?
- Involve domestic students. Many opportunities are made available to internationals that are not for domestics such as discounted tickets and bus rides to Chicago. Not very fair and very disappointing when you are told you can not join since you are a domestic graduate student. Discrimination.
- I think that it is unfair to the students who have lived in the US their whole lives and plan to enter the US workforce are getting rejected from the school because an international student is taking their place so that they can graduate and work back in their home country. Although it is important to have a global presence as a school, in my opinion Purdue has been taking it too far.
- We need to let more U.S. people get an education here, forget how much money Purdue will make off of tuition, there as so many great students in America who don’t get to come here because Purdue is too focused on getting International Students
- Admission should be granted to more indiana residents
- spend more time on your US students
- its fine as is, but could use with less international students and accept more Indiana students as you are a public land grant school.

1 The survey was administered Jan-Feb 2013 and had an N=3,289.
“They should learn to speak the language”

- I would say half are not as good at English as they say they are which can be difficult to work with (or not work with) in group project settings in classes.
- Half of them can't even speak English and cheat on every test and homework amongst themselves. 1 continent is enough for them.
- Have a more strict policy on an international student English speaking abilities.
- It is important that international teaching assistants are able to speak English adequately.
- Some international students are hard to work with because they do not have sufficient experience in English.
- There are too many international students and "teachers." Many can barely speak English. Save the spots in the university for American students.
- Do not have a lot of international TAs teach. Some are good while others are almost impossible to understand.
- Some international students do not speak English well enough to communicate with partners in classes and labs. This poses a problem to students who are required to work with them in those classes and labs.
- Purdue should celebrate the international mother language day.
- International TAs can be hard to understand and may take away from the learning experience.
- I failed a class because I was put with international students on a big project and couldn't communicate properly. The professor did nothing.
- I don't like that Purdue has so many international students. The culture and speech barrier make it hard to work with them.

Complaints about the number of international students or of particular national contingents

- Less Chinese, More Others.
- It seems that international students are taking over the campus. We need to fund more local students and keep our valuable education within our borders.
- More of a diversity of international students, not as much Asians and Indians.
- Quit letting in more [expletive] Asians.
- I think Purdue should strive for a more accurate description of 'international' - students from all over the world, not just Asia.
- I see more international students, than domestic students.
- There are a lot of Chinese students here. I'm not complaining but have you ever thought to put a cap on the number of students from on region. Berkeley did.
- There's too many.
- Too many of them in engr.
- There are too many of them.
- We have a lot and I definitely would not increase the amount coming over.
- Less international students.
- There's a lot of them.
- Too many.
- Too many international students!
- We have too many international students and graduate students. We should work on finding more local/national students.
- Be more restrictive of international students.
- DONT ACCEPT SO MANY.
- I think that Purdue needs to cut down on the number of international students that are enrolled. The numbers have been through the roof the last few years.
Complaints that international students aren’t well integrated and don’t fit in

- I think a better job could be done in introducing customs and expectations of the surrounding community to international students and scholars would be very beneficial.
- Many international students are culturally awkward and could probably benefit from learning certain customs and manners in a seminar or class.
- It seems like a large portion of international students who attend Purdue have no interest in branching out socially to students of other cultures/ethnic groups.
- They need a better orientation program to teach basic etiquette like walking on the right side of the sidewalk. Drives me crazy when they are very impolite and don’t even try to move out of the way if I have nowhere to move to. Also, I notice many asian international students cheating on exams by conversing about the exams/answers in a different language. Can’t prove they are cheating because I don’t know the language, but it is very obvious that is what is happening. Maybe a better ethics intro, or tighter Engineering testing standards.
- Teach them not to cheat—it makes everyone else not like them. They should do their own homework and not copy their friends.
- International students, in my experience, smoke all over campus, they play music at all hours of the day despite it distracting others, they are loud and inconsiderate. This is unfair to the students who want to study. College is a chance to better one’s education.
- The international students are very separated from the rest of the students because they never speak or interact with us.
- International students enrich learning experiences however many of the international students I have encountered do not make an effort to learn about our culture and prefer to only work with each other.
- I think the terms of coming here should prevent them from driving or ordering food for delivery.
- International students should dorm with other international students.
- There need to be some programs offered for international students for socialization and American culture. I’ve heard international students complain about how other international students act at Purdue. And I have been required several times by work, classes, BGR, etc to gain information on international students and their culture, I don’t think it would hurt if they wanted to learn about the American Culture.
- Better integration with American students is needed. Campus feels divided and kind of racist sometimes.